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Research Consultations Available for Students and Faculty

Library research consultations are a great resource for both students and faculty. An online form for requesting an appointment with a reference librarian can be found via the "[Research Help](#)" link on the Libraries' homepage. Faculty should consider directing students who are having problems with their research to avail themselves of this program. Faculty may also request a consultation appointment for their own research needs. Consultations are not a substitute for doing research, but are designed to facilitate the use of library resources under the assistance of UMSL's librarians. Note that the reference librarians themselves are among the resources available to assist you in your own teaching and research. The individual academic backgrounds of the librarians often dictate who is assigned to meet with you regarding a specific topic.



Recent faculty requests for consultations included how to determine the best way to conduct a literature review, the establishment of long term search strategies for ongoing awareness of current literature, and how best to teach graduate students to use library resources. Faculty have often requested an appointment and brought graduate students to the session at the same time. Small group sessions are allowed and encouraged.

For more information about the Research Consultation Program, contact the Research Consultation Coordinator, Raleigh Muns (muns@umsl.edu x5059) .

More formal library instruction for an entire class, the Bibliographic Instruction program, is also available. Contact the Bibliographic Instruction Coordinator, Chris Niemeyer (niemeyer@umsl.edu x7008) to request one or more library instruction sessions for the entire class.

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Information Research and Student Success Online Course

Since the Spring of 2014 the UMSL Libraries have offered a one-credit, half-semester, online course titled "Information Research & Student Success" (IntDsc 1010). The goal of this course is to teach information literacy by highlighting the Libraries' services and resources, including search techniques in catalogs and databases. In addition, students learn about abstract concepts such as the peer review process and how this is important to scholarly knowledge. UMSL Librarians created interactive tutorials and captioned videos to deliver course content. A recent development in the course has been the creation of additional tutorials that engage students' perceptual abilities. In this era of video games and YouTube gags, where teaching is often packaged with "infotainment," these new tutorials cannot be described as humorous, but they are *fun*. The tutorials challenge students to find and click on subtle changes in library screens. Another exercise asks students to complete sentences by selecting correct choices from a confusing arrays of words. This forces students to notice important differences and concepts that they might otherwise overlook. Additionally, the course has been restructured to interweave old and new content so that students frequently need to review previously learned material. IntDsc 1010 is definitely striking out in new educational directions to create a more engaging and informative course.

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St. Louis Mercantile Library Update, Fall 2017

There is something for everyone at the Mercantile Library this fall and winter.

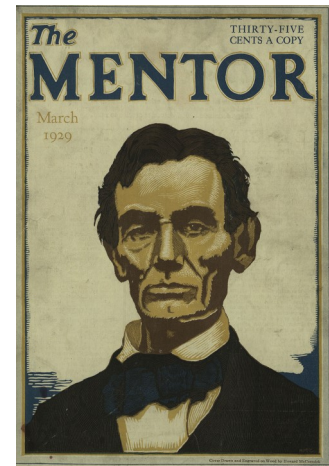
Through October 27, visitors can enjoy the temporary exhibition *Ok, I'll Do It Myself! American Women's Frontier Narratives from the Caroline Schimmel Collection* with treasures ranging from rare captivity narratives of 1836 to Annie Oakley's gloves and travel trunk. This exhibition is located in the Mercantile entrance gallery on Level 2. A full color catalogue is available.

Also on Level 2 are the two Shopmaker Political galleries; the print gallery in the atrium features *Abraham Lincoln: The Changing Face of an American President* that brings together portraits of this iconic figure ranging from historic photographs to contemporary T-shirts. In the Shopmaker Political Gallery we are just opening *100 Million Buttons Can't be Wrong!* This unique exhibition draws its title from a button used by Wendell Willkie in his run for President in 1940 and includes selections from the Shopmaker collection to illustrate a variety of topics related to the history of campaign buttons. Among these are the range of styles and sizes of campaign buttons from thumbnail to dinner plate size, the pervasiveness of certain words and phrases for campaign slogans, and the impact of war and the military on presidential campaigns and platforms as reflected in buttons.

The major exhibition at the Mercantile is our blockbuster *Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers of St. Louis and the World Through the Centuries at the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association* opening to the public on October 9th. An exhibition of newspaper history of this type has never been done before, and the newspapers on display are all from the Mercantile's expansive collections. Key moments in American and world history are presented in examples ranging from the exceptional July 17, 1776 *Pennsylvania Ledger* that includes one of the earliest full text copies of *The Declaration of Independence* to the memorable headline "Men Walk on the Moon" from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* of 1969. Rare complete issues of the Abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* document history-changing issues, while "fake news" is there as well, in mistaken headlines such as the *Chicago Daily Tribune's* infamous "Dewey Defeats Truman" of 1948. On the lighter side, sections on editorial cartoons and the funny papers trace the changes in America's sense of humor over time. The onset of color printing in newspapers and the impact of photojournalism are explored with numerous examples of these important aspects of print news that are largely taken for granted today. This exhibition will be on view through fall 2019 with programming over the next two years of colloquia, Family Day events and more. An extensively illustrated full-color catalogue is available.

Our experienced docents offer free walk-in tours on Saturdays at 11am and Sundays at 2pm, or you can schedule a custom tour for your class or group on weekdays; phone 314-516-7281 or email mercantilelibrary@umsl.edu for more information or to schedule your tour.

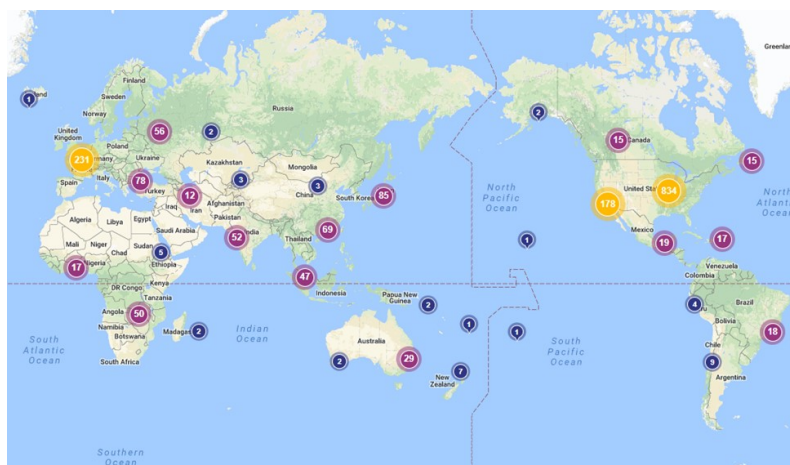
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UMSL Dissertations and Theses Available in IRL

The [Institutional Repository Library](#) is the new digital home and showcase for the UMSL [Thesis](#) and [Dissertation](#) collections. In these collections there are nearly a thousand works, 663 dissertations and 302 theses hosted. Since April of this year, when these works were first migrated to IRL, they have been accessed from 105 different countries (see map for more specifics). August has been the biggest month yet with more than a thousand downloads in that month alone. IRL is also home to the new system where graduate students submit, and advisors review UMSL thesis and dissertation works. The Library is grateful to all the hard work from the Graduate School office, the advisors and of course our graduate students which makes this collection possible!

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Café TJ Policies

Library patrons may not realize that the Café TJ space is open and available even during those periods when it is not staffed by campus food service employees. The Café is open and available for use even when food and beverages are not being served. The hours of the popular Thomas Jefferson Library coffee shop are shorter than regular library hours, and during holiday and intersession periods it is often closed. Library policy prohibits food in the library, though beverages in approved containers are allowed in most of the rest of the building. However, food can be brought into the library so long as it is consumed in Café TJ. The door to the café is always unlocked during open library hours.

Café TJ is also served by the campus wi-fi network. It is also one of the prime people watching sites with its panoramic views of the library entrance. Consider it as a natural location for meeting colleagues and friends at any time during library open hours. The [Libraries' homepage](#) will always have the current day's open hours for food and beverage service at Café TJ.

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Guest Wi-Fi Access

Connection to the campus Wi-Fi network for non-UMSL library patrons is available in the Thomas Jefferson Library. This is a great way to give internet access to visiting faculty colleagues, friends, or even relatives. Visitors can create temporary accounts by connecting to the TritonNetGuest network by simply opening a laptop's Wi-Fi settings. Once connected, opening a web browser will redirect the user to a login/create account screen. To create an account a user will need a cell phone which can receive texts from most standard cellphone text services (e.g., T-Mobile, AT&T, Sprint). After filling out the online form they will receive a text with their account ID and password.

In subsequent visits, connecting to the guest network and opening a web browser will redirect the user to the login/create account screen. Users can then use the created login ID and password to log in to the network. Note that accounts are temporary and expire after seven days. A new account must be requested after seven days.

Wi-Fi access includes access to the Library's research databases. Access is only available while connecting to the campus TritonNetGuest network and does not otherwise give remote access to databases from non-UMSL locations

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